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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

HELD AT NEWPORT, APRIL 16, 1873.

On Tuesday evening, previous to the opening of the Conference, the temperance anniversary was held, Rev. Elisha Adams presiding. The first speaker was Prof. Harrington of Wesleyan University. He argued for prohibition, and regarded the astonishing *inertia* of good men in regard to the evil of intemperance as the greatest hinderance to the cause.

His clear logic made all hearts respond, "That is so."

He was followed by Rev. V. A. Cooper of Nashua, whose thrilling eloquence made equally clear the impression that we should look more to the young, and prevent the formation of the *habit* of intemperance,— the evil being largely in the force of habit.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY. — WEDNESDAY.

Newport, April 16, 1873. — The New-Hampshire Conference met for its Forty-fourth annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Simpson presiding. The Conference was opened with religious services, including the Lord's Supper.

The bishop introduced the service with some impressive remarks relative to the nature of this sacrament. Rev. R. S. Stubbs, for several years secretary of the Conference, being absent, J. W. Adams called the roll of the Conference, and sixty members responded to their names.

Rev. J. W. Adams was elected Secretary, with A. C. Hardy and T. L. Flood for assistants. The usual Standing Committees were appointed; and the remainder of the time was devoted to the seventh and eighth questions of the Minutes.

At two o'clock the Sunday-school anniversary was held. Dr. Vincent and W. F. Crafts were the speakers.

There was a large audience, and the service was one of unusual interest and profit. At half-past seven o'clock an interesting meeting was held in behalf of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, and Dr. Vincent, addressed the meeting.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met at nine o'clock. Religious services were conducted by Rev. John Currier.

After some preliminary business, took up the tenth question of the Minutes. The presiding elders reported concerning their districts. Many cheering facts were stated in regard to revivals and church improvements, &c.

Rev. Mr. Scott of this place, Rev. Mr. Stone, State temperance agent of Vermont, B. K. Peirce, editor of "Zion's Herald," and Dr. Vincent, and also Mrs. Wittenmeyer, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Peirce addressed the Conference in his racy and brilliant style. Dr. Vincent presented the claims of the Sunday-school and Tract Societies; spreading out before us specimen copies of all the different tract and paper publications in these departments of our work.

J. H. Hillman presented a report referring to the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Wittenmeyer spoke a few words to the Conference, after which the report was adopted. Dr. L. D. Barrows presented a report on the New-Hampshire Conference Seminary, and made an eloquent plea in behalf of this institution. He hoped the preachers would urge certain persons in their charges to remember it in their wills.

His own efforts in this direction had been very successful. Let every preacher resolve to succeed in one such case, and the institution will be above all embarrassment.

Brethren, remember this.

In the evening the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Society was held, and L. D. Barrows, R. S. Rust, Samuel L. Bieler, and Dr. Reed addressed the meeting.

THIRD DAY. — FRIDAY.

The Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by R. Tilton. Took up the seventh question of the Minutes.

After some other items of business, the candidates for full connection in the Conference were called to the altar, and addressed by the bishop on the dignity and importance of ministerial character and work. He spoke an hour and a quarter.

Rev. Mr. Scott of this place spoke to the Conference, as a delegate from the Congregational churches from New Hampshire.

Prof. Robinson of Tilton presented an able report on Education. Drs. Wheeler of Vermont and Townsend of the Boston University were introduced to the Conference. Dr. Townsend, by invitation, spoke a few words in the interests of that institution. Dr. Rust urged the brethren to take up collections in all their charges for the Freedmen's Aid Society.

In the afternoon the anniversary of the Education Society was held, Rev. H. L. Kelsey presiding. The meeting was addressed by Prof. J. B. Robinson of Tilton. He spoke well of the seminary in that place, and showed clearly that it was a necessity. We have much competition in other institutions of like grade, and we *must* meet this competition with increased facilities and endowments.

Dr. Reed, one of the missionary secretaries, made a forcible speech on the power of the seminary as a propagator of education and piety.

Had often been surprised at the rapidity of the work that has come under his own observation. He related an amusing anecdote of the young minister who could not see the use of natural philosophy to the preacher, inasmuch as he could not draw men into the kingdom with the pulley, nor force salvation into them by the help of the screw!

He closed with an earnest plea for a thorough classical education.

Rev. W. F. Mallalieu presented the claims of the New-England Education Society. Thought New England raised up a class of ministers that are in demand everywhere. The New-England Education Society helps no indolent men. It allows men to struggle against poverty long enough to prove themselves worthy of its help.

In the evening the Conference met to hear the Conference Sermon by Rev. N. M. Bailey, from 3 John 2. Theme, The prayer of John for his brother Gaius.

The speaker remarked that this prayer contained three particulars (1) health of body; (2) health of soul; (3) secular prosperity.

For certain reasons named, he would confine the discussion mainly to the first topic. The sermon was unique, much needed, and calculated to awaken thought on matters of vital importance to all, especially to young ministers, to whom the speaker felt obliged to speak mainly, according to the advice of Paul, so fitting to him in his position: "Mind not high things, but condescend, or rather be led to, men of low estate."

FOURTH DAY. — SATURDAY.

Conference met at a quarter before nine o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Lewis Howard.

Took up the first question of the Minutes.

A letter was read from Bro. R. S. Stubbs, now chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel in St. Louis.

Conference proceeded to fix the place of its next session. Manchester, Keene, Laconia, were named. Manchester, being ten votes in the majority, was selected. Bro. J. Adams presented the steward's report. Dr. Reed, by invitation, addressed the Conference. He said there was one chapter in the Discipline that deserved more attention from the preachers, — the one relating to the missionary work of the Church.

His eloquent words made a lasting impression.

The question was asked, How large a per cent is required for operating the missionary work? and Dr. Reed stated that five per cent would cover all the expense, — a fact that we should all understand. C. W. Cushing of the New-England Conference, and Rev. Mr. Mack of the Orphan's Home, were introduced, and the latter spoke to the Conference.

Rev. T. Carter, by request, was granted a supernumerary relation. He proposes to labor as an evangelist. Bro. Cooper presented an able report on Church extension.

In the afternoon a memorial service was held. A. Folsom, B. R. Hoyt, John Smith, Warren Wilber, Henry Nutter, and Richard Newhall have died during the year; and obituary notices were read by the Committee on Memoirs. Remarks were made by Revs. John Currier, E. Adams, M. Newhall, and Ex-Gov. Berry.

In the evening the Conference missionary sermon was preached by Rev. E. Adams. He read for his text the second psalm.

The psalm is descriptive of the times of the Messiah, and contains the doctrine of Christ's kingdom in relation to missions.

I. Reign of Messiah.

II. His final triumph over his enemies.

III. Nature and characteristics of Christ's kingdom.

(1) Its universality; (2) Not of this world; (3) Of gradual development; (4) Mediatorial, — Jesus was properly inaugurated into his kingdom at the resurrection. These points were ably discussed.

SUNDAY. — FIFTH DAY.

The Conference love-feast was held at nine o'clock, conducted by G. W. H. Clark.

Soon after the service commenced, the house was crowded; and a large

number bore testimony to the truth as it is in Jesus and in their own souls.

Bishop Simpson preached from John xx. 24–29.

Rev. V. A. Cooper preached at the Congregational Church, and Dr. Sherman of the New-England Conference at the Baptist Church in the morning. In the afternoon, G. W. Norris at the latter, Dr. Reed at the former.

In the evening the Missionary Anniversary was held: A. E. Drew and Dr. Reed were the speakers.

The following moneys were raised at the Conference: New-England Education Society, $113; Missions, $150.

MONDAY. — SIXTH DAY.

Rev. Elisha Adams conducted the religious service.

Took up the second question of the Minutes.

Bro. A. S. Weed, agent of "Zion's Herald," was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Report on Temperance was presented by W. H. Jones. Ex-Gov. Berry made some remarks on the subject.

S. G. Kellogg stated, that all the preachers on Concord District would sometime during the year receive free passes to visit the new Camp Ground in Meredith, at the Wiers.

Several reports were read and adopted.

In accordance with a provision of the General Conference, the following brethren were appointed to constitute a Court of Appeals: E. Scott, E. Adams, James Thurston, J. Pike, D. J. Smith, C. M. Dinsmore, C. S. Harrington.

Conference extended a vote of thanks to the choir of the church for their service, and also to the people of the place for their generosity in entertaining the preachers.

After other items of business, the Minutes were read, and a hymn sung, prayer offered, a few brief words from the bishop, and the appointments were read.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Who are admitted on trial?

J. Ware Dearborn, George S. Wentworth, Charles W. Taylor,
Olin T. Lovejoy, Elbridge Bradford, jun., William Eakins.
A. F. Baxter, Alba B. Carter,

II. Who remain on trial?

Jefferson T. Davis, Schuyler C. Farnham, William C. Tansom,
Joseph P. Frye, Albert W. Browne, James H. Haynes.*

* George A. Tyrrell discontinued, at his own request, to attend the Theological School at Boston.

III. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ira J. Tebbetts, James Crowley, Jacob F. Spaulding,
Lyman E. Gordon, Morris W. Prince, J. Wesley Bean.

IV. Who are the Deacons?

FIRST CLASS.

Ira J. Tebbetts, James Crowley, Lyman E. Gordon.
Morris W. Prince, Jacob F. Spaulding,

SECOND CLASS.

Wilbur F. Crafts, J. Wesley Bean, Watson W. Smith.

V. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?

William E. Bennett, Charles A. Cressey, Joseph E. Robbins.
Jesse M. Durrell,

VI. Who have located this year? None.

VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

James M. Bean, John English, L. L. Eastman,
James Thurston, Lewis Howard, Jesse M. Durrell,
Rufus Tilton, David McIndoe, William Hewes,
N. L. Chase, J. B. Holman, Truman Carter.
Silas Green, R. Dearborn,

VIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Newell Culver, Nathaniel Ladd, Silas Quimby,
John F. Adams, Samuel Norris, Jesse Boyden,
Daniel Lee, Matthew Newhall, Amos Kidder,
James M. Young, James G. Smith, Josiah Hooper,
Daniel W. Barber, Loren H. Gordon, C. B. M. Woodward.
Silas Wiggin,

IX. Who have been expelled this year? None.

X. Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation? They were so esteemed after due examination before the Conference.

XI. Who have withdrawn from the Connection this year? None.

XII. Who have died this year?

Benjamin R. Hoyt, John Smith, Richard Newhall.
Henry Nutter, Warren Wilbur,

XIII. What is the number of Church Members?

In full membership	11,931
On probation	1,879
Total	13,810

XIV. What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and Widows and Orphans of Preachers?

Answer $2,650

XV. What has been collected on the foregoing? and how has it been applied?

From The Preachers' Aid Society	$1,002 25
" Chartered Fund	40 00
" Penniman Bequest	93 90
" Hubbard Bequest	30 00
" Miriam Kidder's Bequest	7 50
" Diantha Temple's Bequest	40 00
" Ex-Gov. Page's Donation	5 00
" D. W. Barber's Donation	3 35
" W. W. Freese Bequest	18 00
" David Kilburn's Donation	10 00
Total	$1,250 00

Applied as follows: —

W. Wilbur	$47 00	Widow Prescott	$70 50
M. Newhall	94 00	" Heath	58 75
S. Wiggin	47 00	" McLaughlin	47 00
N. Ladd	47 00	" Rogers	32 25
R. Newhall	47 00	" Drew	70 50
H. Nutter	35 25	" Homan	47 00
S. Quimby	70 50	" Folsom	94 00
Widow Smith	47 00	" Brodhead	23 50
" Blake	94 00	Stationery	2 47
" Danforth	94 00		
" Eastman	70 50		
" Mason	70 50		

XVI. What amounts have been raised for Benevolent Objects?

Missions	$6,519 10	Bible Society	$479 69
Church Extension	420 25	N. E. Education Society,	387 93
Tract Society	215 62	Freedman's Aid Society,	332 98
Sunday-School Union,	266 01	Preachers' Aid Society	831 55

XVII. Where shall our next Conference be held? At Manchester, St. Paul's.

XVIII. Where are the Preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.
C. E. Hall, James Pike.

Education.
J. B. Robinson, H. L. Kelsey, C. W. Millen, G. W. Norris.

Tract and Sunday School.
W. F. Crafts, Otis Cole, N. Fisk, J. W. Bean, A. K. Howard, H. Chandler, H. B. Copp, T. Carter, J. H. Haynes, A. R. Lunt.

Missions.
The Presiding Elders.

Temperance.
W. H. Jones, L. W. Prescott, H. Montgomery, J. T. Davis, L. W. Barton, Esq. J. M. Emery, Esq.

Statistics.
S. E. Quimby, G. W. Ruland, James Noyes, J. E. Robbins.

Bible Cause.
J. H. Brown, F. Ryder, W. W. Smith, C. H. Smith, N. M. Bailey.

Stewards.
James Adams, John Currier, Irad Tɐggart, M. T. Cilley, Reuben Dearborn.

Parsonages.
C. H. Chase, J. H. Knott, E. R. Wilkins, A. W. Brown, J. M. Bean.

Church Extension.
V. A. Cooper, S. Beedle, W. H. Stuart, W. E. Bennett, L. P. Cushman, G. W. Norris.

Ministerial Support.
C. M. Dinsmore, A. C. Coult, S. P. Heath, W. C. Tansom, C. E. Rogers.

Memoirs.
E. Scott, H. A. Matteson, S. Quimby, E. Smith, J. Hayes.

Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.
M. W. Prince, J. H. Hillman, H. B. Copp.

New-Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College.
L. D. Barrows, B. W. Chase, G. J. Judkins, L. Howard, George Beebe.

Freedmen's Aid.
T. L. Flood, D. J. Smith, A. E. Drew, S. C. Farnham, S. J. Robinson.

Benevolent Money.
O. W. Scott, C. A. Cressey, N. P. Philbrook, L. E. Gordon,

Benevolent Collections.
M. Sherman, H. Dorr, J. A. Steele, G. C. Noyes, J. F. Spaulding.

Publishing Minutes.
G. N. Bryant, N. M. Bailey.

Personal Statistics.
J. W. Adams.

Railroad Passes.
E. Adams.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES.

Visitors to Boston Theological Seminary.
O. H. JASPER, H. L. KELSEY.

To New-Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College.
W. H. JONES, J. E. ROBBINS, B. W. CHASE, V. A. COOPER, M. T. CILLEY, C. E. HALL, LARKIN D. MASON, ROBERT FERNALD.

To preach Conference Sermon.
WILLIAM H. JONES.

To preach Missionary Sermon.
GEO. J. JUDKINS. C. E. HALL, Alternate.

Delegates to General Association of Congregational Churches, and Yearly Meeting of Free Baptist Church.
PASTORS OF THE M. E. CHURCHES IN THE PLACES WHERE THE MEETINGS ARE HELD.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

First Year.— A. C. Hardy, Geo. N. Bryant, M. T. Cilley, N. M. Bailey.
Second Year.— J. W. Adams, G. W. Norris, D. J. Smith.
Third Year.— J. Thurston, W. H. Jones, T. L. Flood.
Fourth Year.— C. S. Harrington, C. M. Dinsmore, B. W. Chase, V. A. Cooper.

To examine Candidates for Local Deacons' and Local Elders' Orders.
PRESIDING ELDER AND PASTOR.

To examine Candidates for admission on Trial.
PRESIDING ELDER AND PASTOR.

To arrange for the Anniversaries at next Conference.
PRESIDING ELDER AND PASTOR.

Visitor to Wesleyan Association.
O. H. JASPER.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has ever labored to supply, with suitable nourishment, the mind as well as the hearts of its people. Auxiliary to the Church itself, as the great master wheel, are its educational forces, shapen into scores of literary institutions, from the seminary to the university.

Every Methodist child may find his best, safest, and most attractive educational home, in the seminary, theological school, and university of our own Church; for, while institutions, of justly-marked reputation abound all around us, yet we safely challenge comparison, and confidently affirm that our own schools are not excelled by their highest competitors in thoroughness of instruction, variety of advantages, and high-toned moral and religious influences.

We mention with gratitude the intellectual highway open to the sons and daughters of all our people, from the parental roof to the highest professional erudition, — the home and church influences, meanwhile, never forsaking them until the preparation is complete.

1. Our children, sent from the hearthstone and the restraints of parental affection and discipline, are commended, with confidence of safety, to our own seminary and female college at Tilton. Here they meet with the same sympathy, religious faith, and watchful discipline which they have received at home. Twenty-eight years of educational and religious prosperity demonstrate that our seminary is our children's proper place of culture; and those who pass by it for other schools do, mentally, morally, and financially, make unrequited sacrifices.

2. Our young people who would advance beyond the preparatory school, will find their legitimate way of instruction leading them to the Wesleyan University at Middletown. Years of prosperity, constantly-increasing facilities and attractions, an able faculty, thorough and faithful religious instructions, and a large and influential alumni record, — all make the university a centre of highest human influence to our Church. We commend this, our central institution, as one unsurpassed by any similar institution, for students who seek the most thorough and honorable graduation; and we do especially regard it unwise and unnecessary for Methodist students to be diverted from this school of the Church.

Its students of this year number a hundred and eighty-nine, of whom a hundred and fifty-four are religious, and sixty-nine are preparing for the ministry. This record of numbers is the highest it has ever attained. Several ladies successfully pursue its *curriculum*. The net assets of the uni-

versity are eight hundred and eighty thousand dollars, of which three hundred and fifty thousand dollars is permanent endowment, the balance being real estate and appliances. We are thankful to God for all this prosperity; and we do now, as ever, heartily commend the university to all our people, and we indorse its noble work.

3. Our School of Theology of the Boston University is still enlarging its numbers, facilities, and usefulness. Not even the violence of fire has abated its progress. Much loss was sustained by the terrible conflagration of last autumn; but no check was made in its judicious and liberal plans. Its patronage is derived from the whole connection. Its princely appliances all aim to furnish the greatest advantages and attractions for the least outlay to the student.

The New-England Education Society still extends its aid to hopeful candidates. Its work is purely benevolent, but is manifestly fruitful of much good. With ample safeguards, it prudently bestows. It makes its earnest appeal to the liberality of our people. Its expenditures exceed its receipts in discharging its obligations to present beneficiaries. Other worthy candidates constantly seek its aid. In these straits it still more earnestly appeals to us for contributions.

Finally these several educational interests are in a healthy, hopeful state, and they furnish an inviting field for our activity, our encouragement, and our supervision.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE SEMINARY AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

It is gratifying to your Committee, that they may speak encouragingly concerning our Conference Seminary and Female College.

Though new and sharp lines of competition have unfavorably affected the aggregate of patronage during the past year, yet, in point of mature ability and refined scholarship, the institution has fully sustained its former good reputation. This may appear from a glance at the Female College and the College Preparatory Departments.

It is worthy of especial note, as indicative of the real intellectual thrift of the institution, that the last catalogue reports, "ladies in Female College, fifty-two; gentlemen in College Preparatory Course, sixty-three." According to the record, the present patronage of these departments is unprecedented. This feature of our school should be highly gratifying to its patrons, and should stimulate the expectation that the lower departments are rapidly and efficiently moulding material with which to replace the annual efflux of graduates from the institution.

The faculty, of which Rev. J. B. Robinson, A.M., is the worthy president, has undergone some changes during the year, whereby its *moral power* has been largely augmented, without abatement of its *intellectual forces*.

Good discipline, thorough rudimental drill, chaste scholarship, and a healthful development of the social and moral faculties of its students, is still the aim and effort of the institution. It is evidently a good place for our children.

But while we speak thus encouragingly of the *working* condition of our Seminary and Female College, we are obliged to confess an embarrassment which but few appreciate. Happily your Committee is able to speak from experience. It is useless to palliate the fact that the finances of the institution are in *a very straitened condition*. Its great need at the present time is an *endowment* sufficiently large to enable it to compete, in all its departments, with the best academic institutions in our State. The income of at least *twenty-five thousand dollars* should be added to its present resources. And even this sum, large as it may appear, is meagre when compared with the real merits of the case.

This Conference last year recommended that an effort be made to raise this amount, and that an agent be appointed for that purpose. Accordingly Rev. R. S. Stubbs was appointed, and spent a few months in the work with some success. This object it is vastly important to continue.

While this Conference fully appreciates the circumstances that forbid the sending of an agent into the field, employing his whole time, and with full pay, to work up this endowment, it also appreciates the fact, that there are many persons of wealth within our own limits who are from time to time seeking worthy charities upon which to bestow their estates at their decease.

Your Committee therefore urge upon the members of this Conference, both the propriety and the importance of diligently seeking out such persons, and of employing all laudable means to persuade them to remember in their distribution of bequests the needs of our school at Tilton.

The trustees of the seminary have felt so deeply the embarrassment of their present financial condition, that they have appointed two endowment agents, who, in connection with their regular work, and without salary, are to make a thorough canvass of the Conference aided by the pastors, to procure large donations and *bequests* as far as possible, and, if possible, finish our twenty-five-thousand-dollar endowment this year. And, if the pastors will render the assistance in their power, much can be done at small expense to the trustees. And we earnestly request them to make the seminary and its wants the subject of frequent and particular conversation with all those of our friends who are able to assist in this great and noble undertaking, and also to inform the agent of all such who should be visited, and have put into their hands proper information on the subject. Without this co-operation of the preachers, little can be done. The older members of this Conference have personally done nobly to establish and sustain our seminary, and some of them are now proposing to do more. The younger men in the Conference, — educated men, — we hope, will not be behind, either in *activity* or *liberality*.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The question of an adequate support for the ministry is still of vital importance to a large number of our preachers. For, notwithstanding the increase in the average salaries in our Conference, some of our preachers, on charges of ample financial ability, receive a very meagre compensation for their services.

Some official boards appear wholly unconscious of the fact that the cost of living is now double what it was twenty years ago. The Minutes of 1872 reveal the mortifying fact, that, in a few instances, three hundred dollars only were paid for the services of an effective preacher, — less than half the pay of an ordinary mechanic. How men with families can live on that sum, is a financial problem very difficult to solve. We leave it for those who, like some of old, demand brick without straw, to give the proper solution.

We would therefore recommend, —

1. That our presiding elders press upon every official board the necessity of a liberal estimate of the preacher's claim, in order to secure his services.
2. That they also urge upon all who need it, the importance of a monthly payment of the preacher's salary to enable him to pay his own bills and keep his credit good.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

The Sunday school, born with Methodism in the "great awakening," exhibits a like wonderful progress, and calls for profound thankfulness to God for his blessing upon it. Instead of the little schools of ragged and ignorant children, with paid teachers and the Bible only incidentally studied with the first principles of common education, we have now, in our most progressive churches, *a half-day service for Bible study* with *pastor*, *church*, and *children* gathered around *one uniform selection* of the *one Book*, bound in sympathy with a large part of the Christian world by the International Series of Lessons, which promises soon to repeat the miracle of Pentecost, and present on the same day the same utterance of truth to men of every nation and tribe and country "in their own language wherein they were born."

The Committee would call the special attention of the Conference to three points in these most advanced schools which should be adopted by all others.

I. The uniform lessons, as selected by the International Committee, of which Dr. J. H. Vincent is chairman, and so ably treated in our Berean adaptation, should by all means be introduced in all our schools with the Berean Leaf or Question Book, the teachers and adult scholars being urged to supply themselves with the "Sunday-School Journal," whose notes on the lesson are unsurpassed, and the younger children having the delightful "Picture Lesson Paper" and the invaluable "Leaf Cluster."

II. As the commission "*go teach*" is of equal honor with the commission "*go preach*," and the *training* as important as the *making* of disciples, one of the two day-sessions of the sabbath should be given to the Sunday school, and earnest efforts should be made to gather together for this *Bible service* pastor, church, and congregation as well as children, the pastor reviewing and catechising the school at the close.

III. For the training of our teachers to their great work we heartily indorse the normal-class system of our Sunday-School Union, as explained in Dr. Vincent's volume on "Sunday-School Institutes and Normal Classes," and hope that such normal classes or at least regular teachers' meetings will be established in all our churches. Union normal classes of all the evangelical churches, in places where there are several of them, are held with great success in some of our charges once a month, and are recommended for general adoption. When nothing better can be done, let there be a half-hour's teachers' meeting in connection with one of the meetings of the week or the sabbath, so that the pastor may in some way become *the teacher of the teachers*. We believe these three features of the Sunday-school work, the uniform lesson, the half-day Bible service, and the normal training of teachers, claim our especial and immediate attention.

The Tract Society of our Church merits our heartiest commendation and support. We have not sufficiently realized the wonderful power of tracts in the work of the Church.

Our own society, with its large number of new and beautiful tracts, affords the best possible variety for this work, furnishing, not only a large number of tracts of the usual sizes, but also several entirely new styles, — "The Half-Hour Series," "The Memory Series," "The Picture Stories," "The Home Envelope," "The Wall Papers," &c.

By a recent vote of the society one-third of the sum of the two collections for the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society is returned in tracts.

We think, in view of the great usefulness of these societies and their missionary work among the poor and ignorant in providing religious reading and establishing Sunday schools, that the statement made in their report, that "*nearly one-third of our preachers omit their collections annually*," ought to call forth the remark, "*Brethren, these things ought not so to be.*"

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The merits of the cause of church extension and the appreciation of it by our people is clearly indicated by the fact, that, in the short space of eight years, it has arisen in importance to be second only among the great benevolent institutions of our Church.

Its disbursements for the year ending Jan. 1, 1873, were $127,980.88, which was dispensed by donations and loans among 322 churches in 61 Con-

ferences. When we turn to see what part this Conference has in this great Christian work, we are astonished and not a little grieved.

There are but two causes for which we take smaller collections; and the total amount of all aid received within our limits has not amounted to $1,000.

It seems to your Committee that the reasons why a benevolent movement of the Church, which ranks so highly through the connection, should stand so low in *this* Conference, are worthy our serious consideration. Our first thought was, that the Parent Board, upon the supposition that New-Hampshire Conference Methodism commands the wealth within its boundary, had exacted large sums of us, and disbursed small sums among us, thereby discouraging our people. But, on examination, the facts show that the amount asked of this Conference in 1871 was but $600, and the amount appropriated was $500; whilst the real amount paid into their treasury was $254, and the aid received by our churches was $475.

In 1872 the amount asked was $500, and the amount appropriated wa $500.

We admit, therefore, that the action of the Board towards the New-Hampshire Conference is not a sufficient reason why so little is done among us for church extension. If there is any fault in this direction, it lies in the fact, that the whole thing is in all respects on too small a scale; they ask too little and disburse too little.

But what encouragement have they to *ask* for more, when, having asked but $500, they received but $250, and donate the same year $475.

The reasons lie nearer home.

One is a misapprehension of the real facts concerning our collections. The Conference Minutes report $850 for last year. The report of the Board of Church Extension gives credit for but $250; that is to say, $600, which you think went to this treasury, never went there at all: they had nothing to do with it.

Whilst we claim the unjust credit of aiding the general work twice as much as it aids us, the facts are exactly the other way.

If you ask where this $600 did go, we answer, it must have been collected by agents for local interests, and disbursed accordingly; nor does the Committee wish the churches to do less local work: but we think the foregoing error has created a wide-spread prejudice against the Parent Board, which tends to lessen the collections.

Another reason, no doubt, is, that we are really unable to do what would seems to be generous, and therefore we do not do what we are able. This is missionary ground for church extension as truly as the West or South. While the tide of Methodism flows freely along over the unobstructing prairies of the West, and through the propitious fields of the South, every foot it has gained on this soil has been contested, every victory has been over the lifeless carcass of some theological dogma or of some heresy of the New-England brain. Compared with the financial strength of other de-

nominations, Methodism is as weak to-day on the sides of the White Mountains as it is on the slopes of the Rocky Mountains; in the valleys of the Connecticut and the Merrimac as in the valley of the Mississippi; and, could the Board see it and feel it, and here and there meet the necessities of some struggling church with aid sufficient to command the attention of the people, we have no doubt it would greatly stimulate them to self-sacrifice to this cause. Let us not forget, however, that our inability to do what would seem a generous thing does not excuse us from doing what we can.

It is our duty to measure ourselves with what God demands of us, rather than to measure ourselves by ourselves either as charges or conferences.

Perhaps the greatest reason, after all, why the claims of this cause are so feebly met lies in the fact that the disciplinary requirements are but partially worked: no account with the small charges have hitherto been kept! Little prominence has been given to the anniversaries. In forty-three charges no collections were taken last year; and our preachers, pressed upon by local claims, yield to the pressure, and, overlooking the grandeur of this great connectional interest, let it go by.

Your Committee earnestly recommend fresh activity, and claim for this cause the hearty co-operation of presiding elders, pastors, and people.

Resolved, That the Committee on Anniversaries be instructed to give that prominence to the cause of Church Extension at the next annual Conference which its worthiness and necessities demand.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Freedmen's Aid Society during the past year has been successfully employed in the great work of educating four millions of this unfortunate people. In the accomplishment of this grand purpose, it directs especial attention to the training of teachers and preachers, and by this means attempts to reach the masses, and prepare them for usefulness on earth and happiness in heaven.

This race must be aided by leaders educated from their own ranks. The great want of our Church in the South is a ministry so trained in the elements of an English education that it may be able to intelligently expound the Holy Scriptures and defend the doctrines of our Church. The importance of this work has not been duly appreciated, and our preachers have not *generally* taken the collection for this cause. This is a matter of deep regret; and we trust that every preacher, during the present year, will comply with the instructions of the Discipline, present the claims of this enterprise to his people, and take the collection.

This work must be done now, or it may be too late: the present is the golden opportunity to save this people from ignorance and the perils to which it is exposed.

The last General Conference received the Freedmen's Aid Society into full connection, and placed it upon an equality with the Missionary and Church Extension societies, and made provision for this educational work among the Freedmen.

In view of the pressing wants of this society, and the golden opportunity now presented for educating and saving the freedmen, we recommend that ten hundred and fifty dollars, the amount apportioned by the managers of the Freedmen's Aid Society to this Conference, be apportioned to the various districts and pastoral charges by the presiding elders, the same as is now done by the Board of Church Extension in the case of the Church Extension Society; and we further recommend and earnestly urge each preacher to endeavor to raise the amount apportioned to his charge.

PARSONAGES.

WHEREAS, Home is as dear to the minister as to the layman, and whereas a neat, commodious, well-furnished house is cheering and encouraging to any man's spirits, therefore —

Resolved, While we are thankful to the Church for the sixty-five parsonages reported this year in this Conference, we pledge ourselves that we will endeavor to take good care of these whenever we may be permitted to occupy them, and that we will favor the building or purchase of others wherever consistent.

BIBLE CAUSE.

YOUR committee on the Bible cause respectfully submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption: —

Resolved, 1. That the Bible, being adapted to the highest demands of human nature, is the main instrumentality to be relied upon under the divine blessing in bringing men to Christ.

Resolved, 2. That the vast and successful operations of the American Bible Society in foreign lands, as well as in our own country, in furnishing the Word of God to all parts of it, — to our benevolent and penal institutions, hotels, railroads, steamboats, and shipping, and also the poor of all nationalities in this land, — demands our increased co-operation and prayers.

Resolved, 3. That the specific grants of Bibles to the various departments of our benevolent enterprises — to the Sunday-School Union, to the Freedmen's Aid Society, and appropriations of both Bibles and money to the Missionary Society, as well as the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures among the people at our mission-stations, and thereby aiding in Christianizing them — render the American Bible Society a valuable helpmeet to our Church, in common with other patronizing denominations; and we acknowledge our obligation to foster it as such.

Resolved, 4. That the comparatively small amount raised for this cause in our Conference, in view of the reciprocal benefits derived therefrom, reflects discredit upon us, which we will endeavor to obviate by increased collections.

Resolved, 5. That all of our pastors be instructed to make accurate reports to the statistical committee at each session of the Conference of all moneys raised on their respective charges for the Bible cause, whether by themselves or agents of the Bible Society, and that the same be reported in the Minutes.

Resolved, 6. That the Rev. Isaac Willey, who for the last twenty-three years has been the esteemed agent of this society in New Hampshire, having tendered his resignation, to take effect in June next, is hereby assured of our grateful appreciation of his valuable services, and devoutly commended to the tender care of our heavenly Father, in the abiding faith that he will finally enjoy the reward of those who have turned many to righteousness.

TEMPERANCE.

1. *Resolved*, That we mainly depend upon almighty help for victory in this great struggle.

2. *Resolved*, That we will neither touch, taste, nor handle, as a beverage, whatever intoxicates, and thereby become worthy examples to others.

3. *Resolved*, That habitual drinkers within the bounds of our Church are a great reproach to us, and should be dealt with according to the general rule of our Discipline which has reference to such cases.

4. *Resolved*, That while we put forth all laudable efforts to reclaim inebriates, we will direct our energies chiefly in behalf of the young, using all proper and lawful means to guard them against this vice, and lovingly constraining them to pledge themselves to total abstinence.

5. *Resolved*, That we will never knowingly give our influence, nor cast our votes, for candidates for any civil office, who either oppose or ignore the cause of temperance.

6. *Resolved*, That we will heartily co-operate with the Christian Temperance Union, recently formed in our State, in helping, by all moral and religious means, to redeem our Commonwealth from the curse of intemperance.

7. *Resolved*, That all papers and periodicals within our bounds which are conducted chiefly in the interest of temperance are deserving of our advocacy and support.

8. *Resolved*, That "Zion's Herald," by its straightforward and noble defence of, and also the great help which it continually renders, this worthy cause, is thereby richly entitled to our earnest and continuous support.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

1. Tract Society in.....May.
2. Sunday-School Union in.....June.
3. Bible Cause in.....July.
4. Freedmen's Aid in.....August.
5. Bishops in.....September.
6. New-England Education Society in.....October.
7. Church Extension in.....November.
8. Missionary Society in.....January.
9. Preacher's Aid in.....February.

"ZION'S HERALD."

Resolved, That the appointment of Rev. B. K. Peirce, D.D., to the editorship of "Zion's Herald," is an arrangement eminently satisfactory to the ministers and people of this Conference; that the tact and ability displayed in the editorial conduct of the paper thus far give assurance that our beloved "Herald" is to remain the true exponent of the methodistic idea of religious life, Christian catholicity, and church progress, and that it is to grow also in grace.

Resolved, That the many considerations of duty and privilege relating to the widest circulation of a true Christian literature among our people, shall prompt us to increased efforts to place our "Herald" in every family of our Church.

Resolved, That we congratulate the patrons and friends of the paper on account of the faithful, efficient, and successful manner in which the business department of the enterprise is conducted, under the auspices of the Wesleyan Association, and the supervision of its present capable and courteous publishing agent, A. S. Weed, Esq.

MEMOIRS.

BENJAMIN RAY HOYT.

THE subject of this notice was born in Braintree, Worcester County, Mass., Jan. 6, 1789, and died in Salem, N.H., Oct. 3, 1872, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

At the age of nine years the family moved to Craftsbury, Vt., where he resided till his seventeenth year. He was converted at fifteen years of age, under the labors of Rev. Phineas Peck, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1807 he became a resident of Winchester, N.H., where, under the pastoral care of Rev. Asa Kent, he felt called to preach the gospel, and received, as was then the custom in such cases, license to exhort. The next year, in March, he obtained license to preach under the administration of Rev. Thomas Branch, and in the following August was employed on the Ashburnham Circuit under Rev. Elijah R. Sabin, presiding elder. In 1809 he joined the New-England Conference, and was appointed to Needham Circuit, Mass. In 1810 he was appointed to Danville Circuit, Vt., with Rev. David Kilburn as his colleague, where their labors were abundantly fruitful in the salvation of souls. At the next Conference he was ordained deacon by Bishop Asbury, and was stationed on Weathersfield Circuit. His subsequent appointments were as follows: in 1812, Barnard, Vt.; 1813–14, Vershire, Vt.; 1815, Bristol, R.I.; 1816, Sandwich, Mass.; 1817–18, New Bedford; 1819–20, Boston; 1821–22, Lyndon, Vt.; 1822–26, on the New-Hampshire District; 1827–28, Dover; 1829, at Great Falls, where, in a great revival, he received into the church 228 members; 1830–34, on the Vermont District; 1834–5, Bradford, Vt.; 1836–40, Plymouth District, N.H.; 1841–44, on Danville District, Vt.; 1844–47 on Claremont District, N.H. He was afterwards appointed successively to Haverhill, N.H.; East Salisbury, Mass.; Greenland, North Salem, and Derry, N.H., when, becoming advanced in years and somewhat infirm in body, he was placed on the superannuated list, but steadily refused to receive aid from the funds of the Conference, choosing rather to earn his living by hard and persistent manual labor, which he did upon his farm in Windham, N.H., from 1855 to 1871.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that forty-six years of his life were devoted to effective service in the Church of his choice. Nineteen years he was in the presiding eldership, twenty-seven in the regular pastoral work. He was largely successful in his labors, revivals being the rule, not the exception, on his various fields of labor. He occupied an enviable place in the affection and confidence of his brethren, always taking a prominent part in the business and enterprises of the Conference, especially its ed-

ucational movements. He also several times worthily represented his Conference in the General Conference. His warm attachment and abiding interest in her prosperity continued to the last.

Father Hoyt possessed a sound, well-balanced mind. He was a ready and eloquent speaker, and in his prime was a man of power in the pulpit, drawing crowds wherever he preached. An unbending integrity and cheerful piety marked his administration of church government and private association with the ministry and laity of the Church. While a deep and often delicate sympathy with his ministerial brethren was apparent with him, he was also scrupulously careful of the honor and purity of the Church, two important and valuable qualities in ministerial character, especially in a presiding elder. The Church of to-day, in large portions of New England, is reaping, and will to the end of time, the influence of the abundant labors and sacrifices of Benjamin R. Hoyt, who did so much in laying the foundation on which we are now building. Good men, clergymen of different denominations, bore him to his grave, sabbath day, Oct. 6, 1872, from the Salem Dépôt church, where his funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. D. Barrows, assisted by other ministers. An aged widow, — a true mother in Israel, — two sons, and a daughter, of most respectable character, survive him; while two daughters and two sons preceded him, and have doubtless welcomed him to the world of rest and joy. The Rev. F. S. Hoyt, editor of "The Western Christian Advocate," Cincinnati, Ohio, and A. H. Hoyt, Esq., of Boston, are the surviving sons; the widow and an affectionate daughter are residing in Cincinnati.

When the struggles and storms of life are over, may it be ours to share in the rewards of the worn and weary itinerants of sixty and seventy years ago!

REV. RICHARD NEWHALL.

Rev. Richard Newhall was born in Weathersfield, Vt., in 1800, and finished his labors at Ascutneyville, in Weathersfield, Dec. 10, 1872.

His early life was spent in manual labor. Leaving the plough in obedience to the heavenly voice, he waited for neither collegiate nor theological training, but tremblingly yielded himself to the imperative call of God and the Church, equipped for the work by the resources of his consecrated manhood, rich in faith, hope, and the constraining love of Christ.

His Christian life commenced at the age of twenty-two; he was licensed to exhort when twenty-four, to preach when twenty-five, and joined the New-England Conference at twenty-seven.

He filled eight appointments in Vermont, and thirteen in New Hampshire. He was five years at North Grantham, more and more beloved each year, so firm was his hold upon the hearts of the people.

Bro. Newhall was emphatically like Barnabas, — a good man, full of the

Holy Ghost and of faith; and his piety was of that cheerful type which is as a living epistle, proclaiming everywhere the richness and excellence of the heavenly treasure.

In the class and prayer room, and in the family circle, his gift was especially powerful and winning, and thus he contributed greatly to the salvation and happiness of man; thus was he instrumental in the conversion of sinners, and building up the Church in all his appointments.

His last illness was brief; but the messenger found him with his armor on, and he died strong in faith, and full of the comfort of that blessed gospel he had so long preached to others. His brethren in the ministry laid him to rest at the base of Ascutney. His wife, the faithful helper of his toil, remains to fill up the measure of her usefulness; a son (class of '64, Wesleyan University) and a daughter (Mrs. George C. Smith of Drew Ladies' Seminary), and many friends, still live to cherish his memory, and profit by his example.

REV. WARREN WILBUR.

Rev. Warren Wilbur was born in Westmoreland, N H., May 30, 1795, and died at his home in Fremont, Dec. 9, 1872. His father was for many years a Baptist minister. He experienced justifying grace in the summer of 1810, and joined the Baptist Church; but, being somewhat dissatisfied with his church relation, he left and joined the Methodists.

He was licensed to preach in 1823, and joined conference on probation in 1824; was ordained deacon by Bishop George in 1826, and elder by Bishop Hedding in 1828. He was an earnest and faithful laborer in the effective ranks for eighteen years. His first appointments were in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts; but his labors were chiefly in New Hampshire. In 1842, in consequence of ill-health, he was returned superannuated. Though his health was insufficient for the regular work, yet, for the next four years, he preached constantly in his own school district in Chester. In 1868 he moved to Fremont, where he spent the remainder of his days. He gained a livelihood chiefly by farming and shoemaking, preaching when an opportunity was presented and the state of his health would permit, leaving the matter of compensation entirely with the people. He had been married twice, — in 1817 to Betsy Alden; in 1829 to Widow Mary Blake. Of his eight children, only four are now among the living.

Bro. Wilbur was a man of spotless character, and of ardent and uniform piety, always ready to do any work to which the Church might call him.

For several of the last years of his life, he was a devoted class-leader, deeply interested in the members of his flock, and prompt in attendance upon this means of grace. He was highly esteemed and much beloved by the Church, and respected by all who knew him. He lived a suffering life; but his end was peaceful and happy.

REV. JOHN SMITH.

Rev. John Smith was born in Kirby, Vt., in 1808. He was converted in 1824, under the ministry of Revs. J. F. Adams and Orange Scott, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in that year. He commenced preaching in 1827, and joined the New-England Conference in 1829. For about twenty years he labored with acceptance and considerable success in the regular itinerant field, and was then compelled by ill-health to take a superannuated relation, which he retained until his death, which occurred at West Burke, Vt., March 27, 1872. As a Christian, he was uniformly pious; as a preacher, he possessed fair talents, though his educational advantages were quite limited. He was a good pastor. Through the many years of his superannuation, he was a man of much affliction, and death was to him a glad welcome.

REV. HENRY NUTTER.

Rev. Henry Nutter fell asleep in Jesus, at South Newmarket, N.H., June 15, 1872.

He was born in Greenland, N.H., July 13, 1808.

He was converted in Sandown, N.H., at a camp-meeting, in 1826.

In Greenland he was baptized, and received into full connection with the Methodist Church, in 1828, by Alfred Metcalf, of blessed memory. He received a license to exhort at Newmarket, N.H., in 1833, and a license to preach at the same place and in the same year.

He was received as conference probationer at a meeting of the New-Hampshire Conference held at Northfield, N.H., in 1834.

He was ordained deacon at Montpelier, Vt., Sept. 7, 1836, by Bishop Hedding, and ordained elder at Danville Green, Vt., July 8, 1838, by Bishop Morris.

He took a superannuated relation in the Conference in 1850.

The stations served by the deceased were the following: viz., in 1834, Chester Circuit, Vt.; 1835–6, Wakefield Circuit, Vt.; in 1837–8, Putney Circuit, Vt.; in 1839–40, stationed at Wardsboro', Vt.; in 1841–2, Marlow, N.H.; in 1843–4, Acworth, N.H.; in 1845, New Ipswich, N.H.; in 1846, Deering Circuit, N.H.; in 1847–8, Hampton, N.H.; in 1849–50, Manchester Centre, N.H.; in 1851, Kingston, N.H.; in 1852, Sandown, N.H.; in 1853, East Kingston, N.H., as supply; in 1854–5, Londonderry, one year as supply, and one by appointment; in 1856, Manchester Centre; in 1857, supplied at Merrimac and Fremont, while following the occupation of farming; in 1858, supplied at Candia, N.H.; in 1859, at Chesterboro', N.H.

He superannuated in 1860, at Londonderry, N.H., which relation he sustained at the time of his decease.

He had revivals on nearly every appointment he filled, and was instrumental in the building of three houses of worship, — one each in Acworth, Hampton, and Londonderry. He was twice married, and leaves a widow, and son to mourn their loss.

He died as he lived, and left good evidence of his Wesleyism in that he died well.

SCHEDULE NO. 1.

STATISTICS OF CONCORD DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP			BAPTISMS		CH. PROPERTY.				SAB. SCHOOLS.			PREACH. SUPPORT.	
	Probationers.	Members.	L. Preach.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Concord	27	371	..	5	2	54	1	$10,000	..	.....	1	31	203	1,500	$1,500.00
Loudon	17	46	..	1	....	9	1	1,500	..	$	1	13	82	500	500.00
Chichester	18	90	..	4	....	.....	1	2,000	1	1,000	1	13	60	575	550.00
Suncook	35	167	1	5	3	7	1	7,000	1	2,000	1	22	200	1,000	1,000.00
Bow	10	72	..	2	....	.....	1	2,075	..	.....	2	18	80	365	365.00
Hooksett	17	27	1	..	....	4	..	.....	..	.....	1	7	75	400	475.00
Manchester, First Ch	5	75	1	..	....	.....	1	3,000	1	2,000	2	19	135	700	700 00
" St. Paul's	63	400	3	3	5	20	1	16,000	1	5,000	1	38	464	2,000	2,000.00
Fisherville	74	131	..	3	2	69	1	10,000	1	2,000	1	27	256	800	890.00
Tilton	15	287	10	6	....	3	1	12,000	1	3,000	1	20	175	1,000	1,000.00
East Franklin	37	79	2	1	1	9	1	6,000	..	.....	1	19	95	700	750.00
Laconia	20	98	1	1	....	2	1	4,000	..	.....	1	15	133	1,000	1,000.00
Gilmanton	10	68	..	2	....	5	1	3,000	1	800	1	9	52	450	450.00
Lake Village	4	26	1	..	....	7	..	.....	..	.....	1	16	63	381	287.00
Moultonboro'	11	23	..	1	....	.....	1	3,000	..	.....	1	8	60	500	475.00
South Tamworth and North Sandwich	15	52	..	..	....	.....	2	3,000	1	675	2	23	178	.....	.....
Sandwich Centre	15	150	1	2	1	.....	1	4,000	1	1,200	1	15	112	600	600.00
Plymouth	13	203	..	5	....	.....	1	19,000	..	.....	1	22	286	1,000	1,000.00
Rumney and Groton	37	116	1	1	....	2	1	2,000	..	.....	1	12	100	550	610.00
Warren	20	121	..	1	....	3	1	6,000	1	1,200	1	23	140	700	750.00
Piermont	3	95	..	3	....	.....	1	2,500	1	1,000	1	8	80	500	500.00
Haverhill	12	37	..	..	....	1	1	2,600	..	.....	1	12	80	650	650.00
North Haverhill	2	74	1	4	....	.....	1	5,000	1	2,000	1	14	82	800	800.00
East Haverhill	16	62	..	1	....	3	1	2,000	1	1,200	1	12	98	500	610.00
Lyman	15	77	1	2	....	.....	½	1,500	1	400	1	11	85	600	528.00
North Monroe	16	45	..	..	....	.....	1	1,200	..	.....	1	10	58	.....	.....
Landaff	10	80	..	1	....	.....	1	2,800	1	1,200	1	11	40	500	600.00
Lisbon	30	214	1	5	....	10	1	7,500	1	1,500	1	19	256	900	1,000.00
Littleton	74	140	..	5	....	.....	1	6,000	1	1,800	1	15	135	800	800.00
Swiftwater and Benton	9	42	..	3	....	.....	1	2,500	1	800	2	10	80	.....	.....
Bethlehem & Whitefield	12	64	..	..	6	2	1	900	1	2,200	1	14	153	825	825.00
Jefferson	8	58	1	1	....	.....	1	4,000	1	1,200	1	9	50	450	450.00
Lancaster	19	159	2	5	1	5	1	4,000	1	4,000	3	26	277	1,100	1,100.00
Groveton	14	38	1	1	....	7	1	3,000	..	.....	1	10	72	600	600.00
Stark and Strafford	20	66	1	3	....	.....	2	3,000	1	1,800	3	10	100	500	436.00
Milan and Berlin Falls	20	81	1	..	....	12	1	2,000	1	800	2	28	200	600	650.00
Colebrook & Columbia	7	62	1	2	....	2	2½	6,000	2	2,000	2	12	100	700	700.00
Total	750	3996	32	76	21	246	38	170,075	25	40,775	47	601	4,975	25,945	26,336.00
Last year	767	4224	31	67	8	167	41	157,275	26	37,675	47½	617	4,929	26,149	25,596.00
Increase	....	....	..	9	13	69	..	12,800	..	3,100	.....	.....	46	.....	740.00
Decrease	17	228	1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	½	16	.....	204	.....

STATISTICS OF CLAREMONT DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Claremont	11	228	3	3	....	7	1	$10,000	1	$3,000	1	20	175	$1,250	$1,250.00
Newport	25	225	1	3	....	8	1	10,000	1	3,000	1	22	225	1,000	1,000.00
North Charlestown	5	66	..	4	1	3	1	1,500	1	800	1	13	86	350	350.00
West Unity	4	65	..	..	....	4	1	1,500	..	.....	1	11	75	350	350.00
Unity	5	15	..	..	....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	3	20	200	78.00
Sunapee	32	93	..	4	1	6	1	4,500	1	1,200	1	13	125	700	700.00
Cornish	4	49	1	3	....	.....	1	1,500	1	500	1	9	70	400	400.00
Grantham	11	125	1	7	....	.....	1½	2,000	1	600	2	17	103	500	381.00
Croydon	8	10	..	1	....	.....	1	2,000	..	.....	1	7	60	200	200.00
Lebanon	35	291	3	4	5	19	1	8,500	1	3,000	1	20	223	1,000	1,000.00
Enfield & Enfield Cen	21	71	..	1	1	7	1	3,300	..	.....	1	8	70	600	600.00
Canaan	8	78	..	3	2	2	1	2,000	1	1,000	1	7	41	600	640.00
East Canaan	23	51	..	1	....	20	1	4,000	..	.....	1	7	64	600	600.00
Bristol and Hill	20	286	3	3	1	16	1	20,000	1	3,000	1	24	200	1,275	1,275.00
Alexandria	5	28	..	..	....	5	½	800	..	.....	1	9	45	500	465.00
Hebron	3	41	..	1	....	1	..	.....	..	.....	1	14	100	600	600.00
Wilmot	....	40	1	..	....	.....	1	1,000	..	.....	1	10	45	152	152.00
North Wilmot	10	30	1	..	....	.....	1	1,000	..	.....	1	8	50	.....	.....
Webster	16	30	..	..	....	.....	1	1,200	..	.....	1	6	40	.....	.....
Contoocook	2	20	..	1	....	4	1	3,000	..	.....	1	8	40	380	380.00
Hillsboro' Br. & Deering	13	108	1	2	....	.....	1	4,000	..	.....	2	18	120	700	675.00
Henniker	19	61	..	2	....	6	1	4,000	1	1,000	1	12	100	650	580.00
Hillsboro' Center	6	94	1	..	....	.....	1	2,500	1	800	1	13	70	350	281.00
East Washington	....	16	..	..	....	.....	1	1,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

STATISTICS OF CLAREMONT DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE. —*Continued.*

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS		CH. PROPERTY.				SAB. SCHOOLS.			PREACH. SUPPORT.	
	Proba-tioners.	Members.	L. Preach.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Antrim	11	76	1	3	....	.....	1	$3,000	..	.....	1	10	75	$600	$446.00
Goffstown	5	72	..	..	....	.....	1	1,000	..	.....	1	12	71	600	540.00
Nashua, Main Street	27	236	..	2	2	28	1	60,000	..	.....	1	34	257	2,000	2,000.00
" Chestnut Street	24	200	..	5	....	10	1	15,000	1	$2,000	1	20	150	1,200	1,200.00
Hudson	....	76	2	1	....	1	1	3,000	1	1,000	1	15	110	700	867.00
Amherst and Milford	13	61	..	1	....	8	1	1,500	..	.....	2	15	70	900	900.00
Brookline	5	37	1	2	....	.....	1	3,000	..	.....	1	10	70	600	600.00
New Ipswich	4	36	1	1	....	.....	1	2,000	..	.....	1	8	55	400	480.00
Peterboro'	8	62	..	2	....	.....	1	2,500	1	1,000	1	10	40	450	450.00
Rindge	7	70	..	..	....	.....	1	2,500	1	500	1	12	68	630	656.00
Fitzwilliam	21	19	..	1	....	.....	1	375	..	.....	1	11	43	386	386.00
Marlow	2	113	..	4	....	1	1	5,000	1	800	1	16	100	550	725.00
Keene	30	277	2	6	....	7	1	40,000	..	.....	1	40	290	1,500	1,500 00
Richmond	10	16	..	1	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	1	12	80	500	500.00
Winchester	8	110	..	1	....	.....	1	6,000	1	1,000	1	18	200	800	800.00
Hinsdale	14	67	..	4	....	3	....	.....	..	.....	1	11	75	650	650 00
Chesterfield	5	48	1	4	1	.....	1	2,000	..	.....	1	8	65	540	540.00
Surry	2	30	..	1	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	1	5	25	300	256.00
Gilsum	....	25	..	..	....	.....	1	1,000	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro'	11	78	..	3	....	2	1	2,000	1	2,000	1	15	90	600	600.00
South Acworth	....	32	..	1	....	.....	1	2,500	..	.....	1	12	75	400	352.00
East Lempster	5	78	1	1	....	3	1	1,500	1	500	1	19	70	464	464.00
Alstead	....	....	..	..	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	498	3960	25	87	14	171	41	243,175	19	26,700	47	592	4,226	28,327	28,069.00
Last year	555	3871	24	72	6	201	37½	234,200	20	27,800	44	544	4,264	24,350	24,187.00
Increase	....	89	1	15	8	.....	3½	8,975	..	.....	3	48	.....	3,976	3,882.00
Decrease	57	....	..	..	....	30	....	.....	1	1,100	..	.....	38	.....	.....

STATISTICS OF DOVER DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Dover	16	230	4	5	1	8	1	$11,500	1	$3,500	1	35	260	1,500	$1,500.00
Great Falls, High St.	21	140	..	3	....	3	1	12,000	1	2,000	1	30	255	1,200	1,200 00
" Main Street	21	48	..	..	....	3	1	10.000	1	2,000	1	17	150	1,000	1,175.00
Rochester	25	280	2	1	5	4	1	30,000	1	3,000	1	29	216	1,200	1,200.00
East Rochester	60	22	..	..	2	21	....	.....	..	.....	1	10	85	700	725.00
Union	1	23	..	..	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	600	600.00
Milton Mills	9	23	..	..	....	5	1	2,500	..	.....	1	8	40	400	465.00
Moultonville	29	61	..	2	....	.....	1	2.500	1	1,000	1	12	68	500	500.00
Newmarket	2	180	..	2	3	5	1	25,000	1	1,200	1	25	150	1,100	1,100.00
So. Newmarket	....	69	1	2	....	.....	1	5,000	1	1,500	1	12	80	700	700.00
Exeter	51	95	..	2	....	7	1	6,000	..	.....	1	16	125	1,000	1,000.00
Greenland	7	82	1	..	....	1	1	12 000	1	2,000	1	8	70	600	581.00
Portsmouth	12	225	2	3	6	.....	1	10,000	..	.....	1	26	200	1,200	1,200.00
Hampton and Rye	14	91	..	2	....	1	2	4,000	2	1,800	1	14	65	600	600.00
Tuftonboro' & Wolfbor'	20	46	..	2	....	1	1	1,000	1	800	2	8	70	460	460.00
Seabrook	30	70	..	1	....	4	1	4,500	1	1,500	1	16	75	800	800.00
East Salisbury, Mass.	25	128	..	3	....	9	1	4.000	1	3,000	1	25	200	800	800.00
Amesbury, Mass	20	130	..	1	2	39	1	7,000	..	.....	1	21	172	1,000	1,000.00
Haverhill, Ms. Wes. Ch.	38	287	2	..	....	25	1	14,000	..	.....	1	25	309	1,500	1,600.00
" Grace Ch.	61	176	..	1	1	49	1	60,000	..	.....	1	32	345	1,500	1,500.00
Methuen, Mass.	5	91	..	..	1	6	1	13,000	1	2,000	1	14	109	1,000	1,000.00
Lawrence, Mass., Haverhill St.	20	348	2	3	3	12	1	16,500	1	5,000	2	30	260	1,800	1,800.00
" Garden St.	50	395	1	3	12	94	1	20,000	1	7,000	1	30	440	1,600	1,600 00
Salem	10	85	..	1	....	3	1	8,000	1	1,000	1	12	100	750	750.00
" Pleasant St.	6	53	..	..	1	.....	1	6,000	..	.....	1	15	97	700	711.00
North Salem	4	33	..	..	1	1	1	3,500	1	1,000	1	13	85	700	700.00
Derry	8	48	..	3	....	2	1	2,500	..	.....	2	9	50	400	400.00
Londonderry	18	84	..	2	....	.....	1	3,000	1	1,500	1	16	131	600	600.00
Kingston	8	54	1	..	....	.....	1	1,500	..	.....	1	10	65	400	400 00
Danville and Fremont	6	73	..	3	....	.....	1	2,500	..	.....	1	.....	.....	3 0	300.00
Sandown & Hampstead	....	23	..	..	1	1	1	1,000	1	500	1	7	40	300	300.00
Epping	19	65	..	2	....	.....	1	1,500	1	800	1	16	110	800	760.00
Raymond	6	101	..	..	....	.....	1	1,200	..	.....	1	8	60	500	400.00
Chester	5	56	1	..	....	3	1	1,500	..	.....	1	7	65	300	340.00
Candia and Auburn	4	60	..	2	....	2	2	4,000	..	.....	2	14	100	600	600.00
Total	631	3975	17	49	39	309	35	306,700	21	42,100	38	570	4,647	30,410	30,642.00
Last year	566	3897	18	64	22	147	32	292,200	19	39,600	36	580	4,261	25,945	26,042.00
Increase	65	78	..	..	17	162	3	14,500	2	2,500	2	.....	386	4,465	4,600.00
Decrease	....	....	1	15	.....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	..	10	.....	.....	.....

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT'S.		CH. PROPERTY.				SAB. SCHOOLS.			PREACH. SUP'T.	
	Probationers.	Members.	L. Preach.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.
Claremont	498	3,960	25	87	14	171	41	$243,175	19	$26,700	47	592	4,226	$28,327	$28,069
Dover	631	3,975	17	49	39	309	35	306,700	21	42,100	38	570	4,647	30,410	30,642
Concord	750	3,996	32	76	21	236	38	170,075	25	40,775	47	601	4,975	25,945	26,336
Total, 1873...	1,879	11,931	74	202	74	716	114	719,950	65	109,575	132	1,763	13,848	84,682	85,047
Last year ...	1,888	11,992	73	203	36	515	110½	683,675	65	105,075	127½	1,741	13,454	79,944	75,278
Increase	.....	.....	1	....	38	201	3½	36,275	..	4,500	4½	22	394	4,738	9,769
Decrease	9	61	....	1	...	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SCHEDULE NO. 2.

STATISTICS OF CONCORD DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Fr'dman's Aid Soc.	N. E. Education.	Bible Society.	Home Missions.	Bishops.
Concord	$24.00	$308.00	$95.30	$32.00	$8.00	$10.00	$16.00	$21.00	.....	.....	$20.00
Loudon	2.74	20.00	.....	2.42	1.64	1.85	2.06	2.34	.....	.....	4.00
Chichester	5.13	25.10	.....	3.51	1 86	2.01	2.48	1.93	$2.58	.....	2.50
Suncook	10.00	115.00	.....	10.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	1.00	5.00	$20.00	.....
Bow	.75	10.75	.....	1.50	.75	.....	.75	.50	.75	.....	.....
Hooksett	.....	6.00	.....	.....	4.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester, 1st Church	.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....
" St. Paul's	46.23	500.00	.....	25.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	35.00	35.00	.....	20.00
Fisherville	16.00	68.00	2.00	8.55	4.20	3.50	7.71	4.20	10.00	.....	7.00
Tilton	12.00	223.00	.....	8.00	9.00	10.00	7.00	1.00	8.00	.....	8.00
East Franklin	5.00	51.00	3.00	1.00	1.75	2.25	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	5.00
Laconia	10.00	130.00	.....	10.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	4.40	.....	10.00
Gilmanton	.50	10.00	.....	.....	.50	.78	.....	4.25	.....	.....	1.00
Lake Village	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moultonboro'	.....	15.05	.....	.....	.75	.75	.....	.....	3.94	.....	1.50
S.Tamworth & N.Sandwich	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Sandwich Centre	8.00	60.00	.....	8.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	.....	2.00
Plymouth	10.00	100.00	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	15.00
Rumney and Groton	4.00	55.00	.....	2.00	3.25	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	2.00
Warren	6.00	30.60	.....	1.85	4.00	3.80	3.00	5.00	.....	.....	8.00
Piermont	3.00	15.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.50	1 50	1.00	2.00	.....	.....
Haverhill	1.00	10.00	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
North Haverhill	7.00	58.57	.....	.....	.....	2.64	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....
East Haverhill	2.70	7.60	1.35	.55	.80	1.35	1.40	1.35	.....	.....	3.00
Lyman	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Monroe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Landaff	.....	28.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lisbon	21.00	82.00	.....	7.00	6.00	5.00	7.50	8.00	8.00	.....	10.00
Littleton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swiftwater and Benton	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.....
Bethlehem and Whitefield	6.00	40.00	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	2.00	12.00	.....	.....
Jefferson	3.00	11.00	.....	2.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00
Lancaster	12.00	50.00	.....	3.00	5.00	3 00	3.00	5.00	10.00	.....	2.00
Groveton	4.03	25.00	.....	2.50	1.00	1.54	2.02	3.80	.....	.....	3.00
Stark and Strafford	4.33	19.35	.....	.....	1.00	2.50	.....	1.90	.....	.....	3.00
Milan and Berlin Falls	3.75	17.00	.....	2.25	2.50	2.00	3.30	3.85	1.75	.....	5.00
Colebrook and Columbia	2.00	15.00	1.25	.....	1.00	1.50	.....	2.25	.....	.....	5.00
Total	232.66	2,121.47	103.90	134.13	80.25	80 00	92.72	138.37	129.92	20.00	145.00
Last year	239.77	2,002.22	36.00	361.68	66.25	105.48	332.79	105.44	117.81	.....	.....
Increase	.....	119.25	67.90	.....	14.00	.....	.....	32.93	12.11	.....	.....
Decrease	7.11	.....	.....	227.55	.....	25.48	240.07	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS OF CLAREMONT DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Claremont	$16.00	$75.00	.....	$13.50	$2.20	$1.20	$5.50	$6.00	$9.25	$40.75	10.75
Newport	10.00	150.00	.....	2.00	1.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	4 00	.....	10.00
North Charlestown	2.28	15.15	.....	2.82	1.30	1.37	4.10	2.69	3.00	.....	.50
West Unity	2.00	10.50	$11.32	2.07	1.12	2.24	3.41	4.50	2.00	.....	1.15
Unity	1.00	5.30	.....	.70	.60	.60	.60	.50	1.10	.....	.....
Sunapee	6.00	30.00	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	.....	4.50	.....	3.00
Cornish	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grantham	5.00	20.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	.....	.....	2.00
Croydon	.....	1.80	.....	.....	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	28.00	200.00	.....	20.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	25.00	15.00
Enfield and Enfield Centre	4.15	15.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Canaan	3.00	12.00	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Canaan	5.00	24.00	.....	1.00	.70	1.25	.60	1.50	.....	.....	2.00
Bristol and Hill	45.00	203.12	54.53	15.00	8.40	8.30	15.50	20.00	10.00	.....	15.00
Alexandria	.46	10.00	1.00	.52	.40	.46	.40	.52	.....	.....	.46
Hebron	5.00	21.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	3.11	.....	1.00
Wilmot	1.00	4.00	.....	1.00	.25	.25	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....
North Wilmot	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Webster	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Contoocook	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro' Br'ge & Deering	3.50	20.00	.....	2.50	1.50	.75	1 50	1.25	6.55	.....	.....
Henniker	2.50	38.00	.....	5.00	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Hillsboro' Center	1.55	12.25	.....	3.00	.....	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.....
East Washington	1.00	2.00	.....	.50	.25	.25	.50	.50	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS OF CLAREMONT DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE—*Continued.*

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Fr'dman's Aid Soc.	N. E. Education.	Bible Society.	Home Missions.	Bishops.
Antrim	$3.40	$5.00	.....	$0.50	$0.50	$1.00	$0.75	$1.00	.....	.....	$1.00
Goffstown	2.00	30.00	$5.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	.....	1 00	$1.00	.....	1.50
Nashua, Main Street	40.00	207.16	.....	36.50	4.10	6.75	8.45	25.75	17.52	.....	.....
" Chestnut Street	25.00	80.00	.....	.....	2.00	10.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson	7.70	25.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	3.00
Amherst and Milford	4.00	30.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00
Brookline	4.00	5.00	.....	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	2.00
New Ipswich	1.35	7.35	.....	.....	.50	1.70	.70	.50	.....	.....	.50
Peterboro'	.....	7.50	.....	1.25	.....	.....	1.25	.....	3.25	.....	.....
Rindge	2.50	15.00	.....	1.30	.80	.80	1.00	1.80	6.00	.....	1.00
Fitzwilliam	1.00	2.00	.....	.50	.25	.25	.50	.50	.....	.....	.....
Marlow	21.00	42.50	13.00	2.00	3.57	3.25	3.25	10.50	5.10	.....	6.00
Keene	42.38	183.36	35.00	5.45	6.70	4.70	6.75	10.00	13.32	.....	6.80
Richmond	2.00	26.00	.....	1.00	1.00	.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	.....	1.00
Winchester	8.00	27.00	.....	2.25	.....	2.75	.....	1.00	.....	.....	2.00
Hinsdale	8.00	50.00	.....	.25	.....	1 00	.50	.50	.....	.....	.....
Chesterfield	6.50	30.00	4.00	5.50	3.00	2.25	5.00	2.75	5 75	.....	2.00
Surry	.50	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Gilsum	.50	1.00	.....	.50	.25	.25	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro'	4.50	25.90	.....	.....	2.00	1.65	1.80	.....	.....	.....	2.00
South Acworth	3.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Lempster	5.65	40.00	.....	2.10	1.20	.80	2.25	1.80	.....	.....	2.00
Alstead	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	336.42	1,770.73	128 35	141.71	58.04	79.57	104.31	122 56	112.95	65.75	96.66
Last year	256.13	1,388.43	34.00	225.26	63.31	88.13	157.07	111.94	106.19	.....	.....
Increase	80.29	382.30	94.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.62	6.76	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	83.55	5 27	8.56	52.76	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS OF DOVER DISTRICT, NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1873.

Dover	$20.00	$200.00	$24.00	$9.00	$9.00	$9.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Great Falls, High Street	14.00	100.00	.....	18.00	5.10	10.20	$20.10	$20.00	$6.90	.....	.....
" Main Street	.....	.....	.....	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	$12.00	.....
Rochester	40.00	195.00	44.25	20.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	42.00	.....	$10.00
East Rochester	1.00	43.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Union	.....	10.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.50	.....	5.00
Milton Mills	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moultonville	2.50	23.30	.....	1.00	1.50	1.00	2.00	2.25	.....	.....	.....
Newmarket	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Newmarket	7.65	25.00	.....	3.00	1.00	2.00	4.50	2.25	13.25	.....	6.00
Exeter	5.00	45.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....
Greenland	2.00	20.00	.70	1 00	1.00	25	.25	.....	14.20	.....	6.50
Portsmouth	11.00	100.00	.....	9.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	21.00	35.00	10.00
Hampton and Rye	5.00	52.00	....	5.00	3.27	4.00	5.00	.....	24.00	.....	.....
Tuftonboro' & Wolfeboro'	.....	15.00	....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	2.00
Seabrook	1.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....
East Salisbury, Mass.	25.00	150.00	.....	10.50	5.75	5.00	8.50	6.75	.....	.....	6.25
Amesbury, Mass.	5.00	120.00	1.75	5.00	2.75	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	3.20
Haverhill, " Wesley Ch.	25.00	200.00	55 00	8.00	5.00	8.30	10.00	10.25	.....	.....	16.00
" " Grace Ch.	3.00	154.00	25.00	20.00	3.00	7.49	18.00	3.00	.....	25.00	19.00
Methuen, "	2.00	31.25	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	15.00	.....
Lawrence, " Hav'hill St.	40.00	400.00	32.00	19.16	5.00	20.00	22.10	22.00	22.75	59.00	.....
" " Garden St.	30.00	400.00	102.44	10 25	9.25	10.00	11.50	12.50	8.00	.....	8.00
Salem	5.50	45.00	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	12.60	.....	.....
" Pleasant Street	4.20	82.35	20.00	.....	2.21	5.00	4.00	.....	15.17	10.00	3.10
North Salem	2.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.45	13.50	.....
Derry	2.00	23.25	1.00	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Londonderry	4.00	3.00	.....	1.00	.50	.50	1.00	1.00	14.00	.....	3.00
Kingston	1.62	24.00	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	4.00
Danville and Fremont	.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.55
Sandown and Hampstead	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Epping	1.00	30.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	9.40	5.00
Raymond	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester	3.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	1.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Candia and Auburn	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	262.47	2,626.90	306.14	144.41	77.33	106.44	135.95	127.00	236.82	178.90	114.60
Last year	325.69	2,187.73	69.00	264.34	100.03	98.33	496.18	170.26	175.79	.....	.....
Increase	.....	439.17	237.14	.....	.....	8.11	.....	.....	61.03	.....	.....
Decrease	63.22	.....	.....	119.93	22.70	.....	360.23	43.26	.....	.....	.....

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Preachers' Aid.	Missions.	Women's Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	N. E. Education.	Bible Society.	Home Missions.	Bishops.
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Claremont	336.42	1,770.73	128.35	141.71	58.04	79.57	104.31	122.56	112.95	65.75	96.66
Dover	262.47	2,626.90	306.14	144.41	77.33	106.44	135.95	127.00	236.82	178.90	114.60
Concord	232.66	2,121.47	103.90	134.13	80.25	80.00	92.72	138.37	129.92	20.00	145.00
Total	831.55	6,519.10	538.39	420.25	215.62	266.01	332.98	387.93	479.69	264.65	356.26
Last year	818.59	5,577.38	139.00	850.28	228.59	291.94	986.04	386.64	398.79	.....	.....
Increase	12.96	1,041.72	399.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.29	80.90	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	430.03	13.97	25.93	653.06	.....	.....	.....	.....

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

O. H. JASPER, *Presiding Elder.* (P.O., Dover, N.H.)

Dover	Charles W. Millen.
Great Falls, High Street,	John W. Adams.
" Main Street	Freeman Ryder.
Rochester	Daniel J. Smith.
East Rochester	A. A. Cleveland.
Union	Supplied by J. Thurston.
Milton Mills	James Crowley.
Ossipee	J. Fawcett.
Moultonville	Joseph P. Frye.
Tuftonboro', Brookfield, & Wolfboro'	Henry Chandler.
Newmarket	Orange W. Scott.
South Newmarket	Hezekiah A. Matteson.
Exeter	Silas E. Quimby.
Greenland	Hugh Montgomery.
Portsmouth	Anthony C. Hardy.
Hampton	Elihu Scott.
Seabrook	Supplied by W. C. Bartlett.
East Salisbury, Mass.	Henry B. Copp.
Amesbury, Mass	Cadford M. Dinsmore.
Haverhill, Mass., Wesley Church	S. B. Sweetser.
" " Grace Church	Wilbur F. Crafts.
Methuen, Mass	George J. Judkins.
Lawrence, Mass., Haverhill Street	Lorenzo D. Barrows.
" " Garden Street	Lewis P. Cushman.
" " Trinity Church	To be supplied.
Salem	Henry Dorr.
" Pleasant Street	James H. Haynes.
North Salem	Samuel J. Robinson.
Derry	Alba B. Carter.
Londonderry	Frederic D. Chandler.
Kingston and E. Kingston	Joseph Hayes.
Fremont and Sandown	To be supplied.
Epping	D. W. Downs.
Raymond	To be supplied.
Chester	James Adams.
Candia	To be supplied.
Auburn	To be supplied.

CONCORD DISTRICT.

S. G. Kellogg, *Presiding Elder.* (P.O., Tilton, N.H.)

Concord	Alfred E. Drew.
Loudon	Abram R. Lunt.
Chichester	Samuel Beedle.
Suncook	James Noyes.
Bow	To be supplied.
Hooksett	J. S. Robbins.
Manchester, First Church	Charles W. Taylor.
" St. Paul's	James Pike.
Fisherville	Simeon P. Heath.
Tilton	William H. Jones.
East Tilton	J. W. Bean.
East Franklin	J. W. Dearborn
Gilmanton	J. H. Knott.
Laconia	B. Whittemore Chase.
Lake Village	Supplied by C. W. Tibbetts.
Moultonboro'	To be supplied.
S. Tamworth and N. Sandwich	To be supplied.
Sandwich Centre	George N. Bryant.
Plymouth	Morris W. Prince.
Rumney and Groton	Nathan P. Philbrook.
Warren	William Eakins.
Piermont	Moses Sherman.
Haverhill	Josiah Hooper.
North Haverhill	John Currier.
East Haverhill	A. W. Browne.
Lyman	J. T. Davis.
North Munroe	Supplied by O. F. Jenkins.
Landaff	Joel A. Steele.
Lisbon	Joseph H. Brown.
Littleton	George Beebe.
Swiftwater and Benton	To be supplied.
Bethlehem	Charles H. Smith.
Whitefield and Carroll	William C. Tansom.
Jefferson	I. J. Tebbetts.
Lancaster	Otis Cole.
Groveton	George C. Noyes.
Stratford	To be supplied.
Milan and Berlin Falls	L. E. Gordon.
Colebrook and Columbia	Supplied by George Powell.
West Stewartstown	Supplied by A. B. Russell.

CLAREMONT DISTRICT.

M. T. Cilley, *Presiding Elder.* (P.O. Claremont.)

Claremont	Nelson M. Bailey.
Newport	Elijah R. Wilkins.
North Charlestown	Charles E. Rogers.

West Unity	To be supplied.
Unity	Supplied by Silas Quimby.
Sunapee	John H. Hillman.
Cornish	Supplied by B. P. Spalding.
Grantham and Croydon	Noble Fisk.
Lebanon	Charles E. Hall.
Enfield	Charles H. Chase.
Canaan	J. M. Bean.
East Canaan	S. C. Farnham.
Bristol and Hill	George W. Norris.
Hebron	Lorenzo Draper.
Wilmot and North Wilmot	Supplied by C. E. Trussell.
Webster	Supplied by George Wood.
Contoocook	Supplied by Lewis Howard.
Henniker	Watson W. Smith.
Hillsboro' Bridge and Deering	Lucian W. Prescott.
Hillsboro' Centre	Supplied by S. S. Dudley.
East Washington	To be supplied.
Antrim	Supplied by J. W. Coolidge.
Goffstown	Elbridge Bradford., jun.
Nashua, Main Street	Varnum A. Cooper.
" Chestnut Street	Hiram L. Kelsey.
Hudson	Charles A. Cressey.
Amherst and Milford	Geo. W. Ruland; one to be supplied.
Brookline	William C. Bennett.
New Ipswich	Jacob F. Spalding.
Peterboro'	A. F. Baxter.
Rindge	William H. Stuart.
Fitzwilliam	To be supplied.
Marlboro'	Americus K. Howard.
Keene	Theodore L. Flood.
Richmond	Olin T. Lovejoy
Winchester	Anson C. Coult.
Hinsdale	D. S. Dexter.
Chesterfield	Andrew L. Kendall.
Surry	To be supplied.
Gilsum	To be supplied.
Marlow	Irad Taggart.
South Acworth	George S. Wentworth.
Lempster	George F. Wells.

Charles U. Dunning, Chaplain to the Essex-County House of Correction; member of Garden-street Quarterly Conference, Lawrence.

Daniel C. Babcock, Corresponding Secretary State Temperance Union of Pennsylvania; member of High-street, Great Falls, Quarterly Conference.

Elisha Adams, Agent of Freedmen's Aid Society for New England; member of Concord Quarterly Conference.

Robert S. Stubbs, Chaplain of Western Seamen's Friend Society; member of Concord Quarterly Conference.

Eleazer Smith, Chaplain to New-Hampshire State Prison; member of Concord Quarterly Conference.

Calvin S. Harrington, Professor in Wesleyan University ; member of Tilton Quarterly Conference.

J. B. Robinson, Principal of New-Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College; member of Tilton Quarterly Conference.

E. A. Smith transferred to New-England Conference ; stationed at Ipswich.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

The date of joining is indicated by the figures at the left hand. Present relation, by the abbreviations after the name.—E., *Elder*. D., *Deacon*. P., *Probationer*. Sup., *Superannuated*. S'y, *Supernumerary*. The place given is the Post-office address, so far as known, except where the preacher resides in one place and preaches in another; then the Post-office of residence is given. The figures at the right indicate the number of the years of service in the same place.

A.

1813.	Adams, John F.	E.	Greenland	Sup.
1834.	Adams, James.	E.	Candia	1
1836.	Adams, Elisha	E.	Concord	5
1858.	Adams, John W.	E.	Great Falls	2

B.

1836.	Barrows, Lorenzo D.	E.	Lawrence, Mass.	2
1839.	Boyden, Jesse.	E.	Woodstock, Vt.	Sup.
1838.	Beedle, Samuel.	E.	Chichester	2
1844.	Barber, Daniel W.	E.	Hampstead	Sup.
1849.	Bryant, George N.	E.	Centre Sandwich	3
1859.	Bailey, Nelson M.	E.	Claremont	1
1861.	Babcock, Daniel C.	E.	Philadelphia, Pa.	2
1861.	Bean, J. M.	E.	Savannah, Ill.	S'y.
1864.	Bean, J. Mowry	E.	Canaan	2
1867.	Beebe, George	E.	Littleton	2
1869.	Bennett, William E.	D.	Brookline	1
1870.	Brown, Joseph H.	E.	Lisbon	2
1871.	Bean, J. Wesley	D.	East Tilton	1
1872.	Browne, A. W.	P.	East Haverhill	2
1873.	Bradford, Elbridge, jr	P.	Goffstown	1
1873.	Baxter, A. F	P.	Peterboro'	1

C.

1830.	Currier, John	E.	North Haverhill	2
1833.	Culver, Newell	E.	Bristol	Sup.
1839.	Chase, Charles H.	E.	Enfield	3
1842.	Chase, Nathaniel L.	E.	Manchester	S'y.
1853.	Chandler, Henry	E.	Tuftonboro'	1
1860.	Carter, Truman	E.	Chelsea, Mass.	S'y.
1860.	Copp, Henry B	E.	East Salisbury, Mass.	1
1861.	Cilley, Moses T.	E.	Claremont	(P.E.)1
1863.	Coult, Anson C.	E.	Winchester	2
1864.	Chase, B. Whittemore	E.	Laconia	2
1865.	Cole, Otis	E.	Lancaster	3
1867.	Chandler, Fred. D.	E.	Londonderry	1
1868.	Cleveland, A. A.	E.	East Rochester	2
1868.	Cushman, Lewis P.	E.	Lawrence, Mass.	3
1869.	Cressey, C. A.	E.	Hudson	3
1871.	Cooper, Varnum A.	E.	Nashua	3
1871.	Crowley, James	D.	Milton Mills	1
1872.	Crafts Wilbur F.	D.	Haverhill, Mass.	2
1873.	Carter, Alba B	P.	Derry	1

D.

1850.	Draper, Lorenzo	E.	Hebron	2
1853.	Dinsmore, Cadford M.	E.	Amesbury, Mass.	1
1854.	Dunning, Charles U.	E.	Lawrence, Mass.	2
1867.	Drew, Alfred E.	E.	Concord	3
1868.	Dorr, Henry	E.	Salem	1
1869.	Downs, D. W.	E.	Epping	2
1869.	Durrell, J. M.	E.	Boston	S'y.
1835.	Dearborn, Reuben	E.	Salem Depot	S'y.
1872.	Davis, Jefferson T.	P.	Lyman	1
1871.	Dexter, D. S.	E.	Hinsdale	1
1873.	Dearborn, J. Ware	P.	East Franklin	1

E.

1838.	English, John	E.	Newbury, Vt.	S'y.
1848.	Eastman, Larnard L.	E.	Methuen	S'y.
1873.	Eakins, William	P.	Warren	1

F.

1859.	Fawcett, Joseph	E.	Ossipee	1
1864.	Flood, Theodore L.	E.	Keene	2
1869.	Fisk, Noble	E.	Grantham	1
1872.	Farnham, S. C.	P.	East Canaan	2
1872.	Frye, Joseph P.	P.	Moultonville	1

G.

1831.	Greene, Silas	E.	Candia Village	S'y.
1832.	Gordon, Loren H.	E.	Quincy, Ill.	Sup.
1871.	Gordon, L. E.	D.	Milan	2

H.

1829.	Harding, Charles R.	E.	Fitchburg, Mass.	Sup.
1833.	Howard, Americus K.	E.	Marlboro'	2
1839.	Howard, Lewis	E.	Contoocookville	S'y.
1841.	Hayes, Joseph	E.	Kingston	1
1843.	Hewes, William	E.	Lawrence	S'y.
1847.	Hooper, Josiah	E.	Haverhill	Sup.
1850.	Heath, Simeon P.	E.	Fisherville	3
1855.	Harrington, Calvin S.	E.	Middletown, Conn	10
1856.	Holman, Joshua B.	E.	Methuen, Mass.	S'y.
1861.	Hardy, Anthony C.	E.	Portsmouth	1
1864.	Hillman, John H.	E.	Sunapee	2
1866.	Hall, Charles E.	E.	Lebanon	1
1871.	Haynes, James H.	D.	Salem Depot	1

J.

1849.	Jasper, Orlando H.	E.	Dover	(P.E.) 3
1856.	Jones, Wm. H.	E.	Tilton	2
1868.	Judkins, Geo. J.	E.	Methuen, Mass.	2

K.

1830.	Kidder, Amos	E.	Claremont	Sup.
1850.	Kellogg, Silas G.	E.	Tilton	(P.E.) 3
1863.	Kelsey, Hiram L.	E.	Nashua	1
1864.	Kendall, Andrew L.	E.	Chesterfield	1
1867.	Knott, John H.	E.	Gilmanton	1

L.

1827.	Ladd, Nathaniel	E.	Tilton	Sup.
1831.	Lee, Daniel	E.	Hillsboro', Ill.	Sup.
1870.	Lunt, Abram R.	E.	Loudon	1
1873.	Lovejoy, Olin T.	P.	Richmond	1

M.

1855.	Matteson, Hezekiah A.	E.	So. Newmarket	2
1866.	Montgomery, Hugh	E.	Greenland	1
1868.	Millen, Charles W.	E.	Dover	2
1872.	McIndoe, D.	E.	Richmond	S'y.

N.

1818.	Norris, Samuel	E.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Sup.
1825.	Newhall, Matthew	E.	Greenland	Sup.
1864.	Norris, George W.	E.	Bristol	3
1867.	Noyes, James	E.	Suncook	2
1868.	Noyes, Geo. C.	E.	Groveton	2

P.

1841.	Pike, James	E.	Manchester	1
1851.	Philbrook, Nathan P.	E.	Tilton	2
1855.	Prescott, Lucian W.	E.	Hillsboro' Bridge	3
1871.	Prince, Morris W.	D.	Plymouth	3

Q.

1831.	Quimby, Silas.	E.	Claremont	Sup.
1862.	Quimby, S. E.	E.	Exeter	3

R.

1865.	Rogers, Charles E.	E.	No. Charlestown	1
1866.	Robinson, Samuel J.	E.	No. Salem	2
1867.	Ruland, George W.	E.	Amherst	2
1868.	Robbins, Joseph E.	E.	Hooksett	1
1872.	Robinson, J. Bunyan	E.	Tilton	3
1872.	Ryder, Freeman	E.	Great Falls	2

S.

1825.	Scott, Elihu	E.	Hampton	2
1826.	Smith, James G.	E.	Plymouth	Sup.
1828.	Smith, Eleazer	E.	Concord	3
1852.	Stubbs, Robert S.	E.	St. Louis, Mo.	1
1853.	Smith, Charles H.	E.	Bethlehem	1
1856.	Smith, Daniel J.	E.	Rochester	3
1860.	Sherman, Moses.	E.	Piermont	3
1866.	Steele, Joel A.	E.	Landaff	1
1866.	Stuart, William H	E.	Rindge	2
1870.	Smith, Watson W.	E.	Henniker	3
1870.	Scott, Orange W.	E.	Newmarket	1
1871.	Spalding, Jacob F.	P.	New Ipswich	2
1873.	Sweetser, Samuel B.	E.	Haverhill, Mass	1

T.

1838.	Thurston, James	E.	Dover	S'y.
1839.	Tilton, Rufus	E.	Derry	S'y.
1855.	Taggart, Irad.	E.	Marlow	2
1871.	Tebbetts, Ira J.	D.	Jefferson	1
1872.	Tansom, William C.	P.	Whitefield	1
1873.	Taylor, C. W.	P.	Manchester	1

W.

1834.	Wells, Geo. F.	E.	East Lempster	2
1835.	Wiggin, Silas.	E.	Barton Landing, Vt.	Sup.
1839.	Woodward, C. B. M.	E.	Haverhill	Sup.
1853.	Wilkins, Elijah R.	E.	Newport	1
1873.	Wentworth, Geo. S.	P.	So. Acworth	1

Y.

1834.	Young, Jas. M.	E.	Manchester	Sup.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

To the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren, — At another annual meeting, just concluded, we have it to report that a pleasant Christian harmony prevailed, which rendered it easy to transact all necessary business, while at the same time the free discussion of differences served only to strengthen the unity of aim and purpose.

The presence of the lay element in our counsels, as a component part of our body, served to vindicate the legislation of the Church so recently exercised in respect to the great organic change which brings preachers and people into a closer co-operation.

The financial status of the New-York Book Concern, June 29, 1872, and of the Western Book Concern, Nov. 30, 1872, with statements of sales and periodical business of both for the year ending at the date last named, are so fully set forth in the accompanying exhibits as to render any extended remarks here unnecessary.

The Committee are of opinion that the large transactions of both Concerns are being judiciously managed by the agents in charge, and an increased assurance in this regard arises from the reports of the local sub-committees at New York and Cincinnati, who, being prominent business laymen, have given an unusual amount of time to an investigation of the modes of business, and the manner of keeping accounts, and also to the inspection of receipts and disbursements.

The Committee, without a dissenting voice, requested the agents at New York to issue on the 1st of October next a first-class weekly Sunday-school paper, to take the place of "The Sunday-School Journal," or rather to be a continuation of "The Journal" in an enlarged form, and to include reading matter better adapted to the more advanced Sunday-school scholars and teachers. Of the nearly one and a half million in the Sunday schools of our Church, it is believed there are not less than six hundred thousand, about one-third of that number, teachers, to whom the proposed paper is especially adapted, and for whom, up to this time, only very inadequate provision has been made.

The Committee discussed anxiously the various suggestions of members as to methods for a more vigorous and successful prosecution of the business of the Book Concern. It was generally admitted, that, to effect extensive sales, we have not an equal chance with a large class of popular publishers, because our publications are not such as are demanded by the vitiated public taste for a flashy and dangerous literature, such as is thrown broadcast by those houses whose sole object is money-making.

The German department of our Church stands fully acquitted. The Book Concern has one subscriber to the "Christian Apologist" for every two German Methodists, and almost one Sunday-school paper subscription besides for every member. A magazine just started, a periodical of a heavier and more costly kind, has already reached a subscription equal to one in six of the whole number of our German members, which ratio would give a circulation of more than two hundred thousand copies of the "Ladies' Repository" among the English-speaking Methodists, and a combined circulation of seven hundred and fifty thousand copies of the several Advocates.

The Committee express the earnest hope that the solicitude and energies of our preachers and people will be brought to bear earnestly and unitedly upon the spread of truth and righteousness by the wider diffusion of Methodist literature through this and all lands.

The Committee, in reviewing the operations of the Book Concerns, are impressed with the fact, that the system of credits has been practised to an extent injurious alike to our people and the welfare of our Book Concerns. We have consequently urged on our gents the importance of restricting credit, and bringing our business as nearly as possible to a cash basis.

WILLIAM H. HUNTER, *Chairman.*
I. D. KING, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 1873.

EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,
NEW YORK, JUNE 29, 1872.

ASSETS.

1. REAL ESTATE.—One undivided three-fourths of property 805 Broadway, corner Eleventh Street	$600.000	
Buildings and lots, Mulberry and Mott Streets.	125,000	
Buildings and lots, Pittsburgh, Penn	35,000	
Buildings and lots, San Francisco, Cal.	30,000	
Land in Hamilton, N.J.	200	
Total Real Estate		$790.200
2. CASH.—Cash on hand		25,020
3. MERCHANDISE.—Books, bound and in sheets, stationery, &c.	$167,905	
Presses, type, plates, paper, &c., in printing office	155.135	
Materials and tools in bindery	20,166	
Stock in Depositories: Boston, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh	59.797	
		403.003
4. NOTES AND ACCOUNTS		428,371
TOTAL ASSETS		$1,646,594

LIABILITIES.

1. BONDS.—Amount of Bonds issued and sold for the payment of property 805 Broadway	$500,000	
2. NOTES.—The Concern owes on Notes and Mortgages	176,119	
		676,119
Capital as per Ledger		$970,475
Deduct: Estimated amount necessary to fill contracts with subscribers for advance payments	$69,208	
Twenty-five per cent from notes and accounts for probable losses	107,093	
		176,301
Net capital, June 29, 1872		$794,174

EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,
CINCINNATI, NOV. 30, 1872.

ASSETS.

STOCK ON HAND.—Books, bound and in sheets, stationery, &c., in Cincinnati	$133,713 72	
Books, &c., at Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta	62,785 98	
		$196,499 70
Presses, plates, type, printing paper, &c., in Cincinnati	$128,681 04	
Type, printing paper, &c., in Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta	7,340 87	
		136,021 91
Material and tools in bindery and foundry in Cincinnati		16,849 00
REAL ESTATE.—In Cincinnati	$204,575 86	
In Chicago	10.000 00	
In St. Louis	45,650 00	
		260,225 86
NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.—In Cincinnati	$199.83 59	
In Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta	160,417 77	
	$360,261 36	
Deduct 25 per cent for probable losses	90,065 34	
		270,196 02
Due from the Episcopal Fund		8,031 25
Office furniture and safes, in Cincinnati	$2,500 00	
" safe, and store-fixtures, in Chicago, St. Louis, and Atlanta	222 02	
		9,722 02
Cash and drafts on hand		12,608 55
		$910,154 31

LIABILITIES.

NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.—In Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis	442,735 09
Net capital, Nov. 30, 1872	$467,419 22

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METHODIST BOOK CONCERN, NEW YORK.

SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1872.

Books at New York Concern	$322,914 98	
" sold to Depositories	59,919 41	
		$382,834 39
Periodical sales		177,696 87
		$560,531 26
SALES BY DEPOSITORIES:		
Boston	$84,079 68	
Buffalo	46,884 22	
Pittsburgh	41,598 25	
San Francisco	8,970 00	
		181,532 15
		$742,063 41

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS, FEB 11, 1873.

Quarterly Review	3,750	Ladies' Repository	4,350
Christian Advocate	40,000	Golden Hours	825
Sunday-School Journal	70,700	Lesson Leaves	535,000
Sunday-School Advocate	117,800	Picture Lesson Paper	59,850
Good News	51,000	Leaf Cluster	1,500

WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.

SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1872.

CINCINNATI.—Book sales	$239,232 81	
Periodical sales	207,880 40	
		$447,113 21
CHICAGO.—Book sales	$80,132 42	
Periodical sales	95,744 39	
		175,876 81
ST. LOUIS.—Book sales	$48,260 63	
Periodical sales	33,599 37	
		81,860 00
ATLANTA.—Book sales	$4,508 82	
Periodical sales	4,950 51	
		9,459 33
Total sales for 1872		$714,309 35

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS, NOV. 30, 1872.

Quarterly Review	1,279	Sandebudet (*Scandinavian*)	1,100
Ladies' Repository	22,500	Sunday-School Advocate (*average*)	163,136
Golden Hours	7,800	Good News	29,433
Western Christian Advocate	22,032	Sunday-School Bell (*German*)	22,000
North-western Christian Advocate	15,873	Sunday-School Journal	20,337
Central Christian Advocate	10,967	Lesson Leaves	175,000
Methodist Advocate	3,100	Picture Lesson Papers	12,300
Christian Apologist	15,072	Bible Lessons (*German*)	9,000

EPISCOPAL FUND.

FROM JUNE 1 TO NOV. 30, 1872.

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF BISHOPS:		
By New-York Book Concern	$19,083 77	
By Western Book Concern	9,672 80	
		$28,756 57
RECEIVED FOR THE EPISCOPAL FUND:		
By New-York Book Concern	$602 13	
By Western Book Concern	1,641 55	
		2,243 68
Deficiency in the six months		$26,512 89